

PREFACE

Dear Californian:

The Elections Division of my office has prepared this 2004 California Election Calendar as a guide for all election officials, public officials, candidates, and members of the media. The calendar provides important dates, deadlines and timelines for the March 2, 2004 Presidential Primary and the November 2, 2004 General Elections.

California's elections require a great deal of advance preparation and expertise from a number of persons at both the county and state levels. We are fortunate in the Golden State to have such high caliber officials who are dedicated to conducting honest, efficient, accessible and successful statewide elections. They deserve the utmost appreciation and continued support for the work they do to support the democratic process.

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Secretary of State

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